

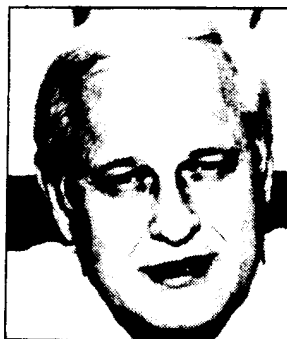
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Jack Anderson, 63, probably the USA's best-known investigative journalist, was hired in 1947 by Drew Pearson to help write The Washington Merry-Go-Round column. He later took it over, and the column now appears in more than 800 newspapers. Anderson received the Pulitzer Prize in 1972 for his reporting on the India-Pakistan crisis. He was interviewed by USA TODAY's Carol R. Richards.



Jack Anderson

On Khadafy, Gandhi, Marcos

Jack Anderson has interviewed numerous world leaders. Here are his most recent impressions of three leaders currently in the news:

Libya's Muammar Khadafy

He certainly talks rationally. He's a hard man to understand.

His face is sort of divided against itself. The top half of his face is dominated by this fierce, blazing Bedouin scowl, but the bottom half of his face is rather gentle and disarming.

And the words that come out are soft-spoken. You don't realize until you've written them down how harsh they really are.

He spent a lot of time asking me about the CIA and worrying audibly about the Egyptians on his border. I had an impression that he is haunted by the same fears that he seeks to generate.

Philippines' Ferdinand Marcos

I always was impressed that he was a true patriot who believed in the Philip-

pines — until he took over. I have the impression that he was almost goaded into seizing dictatorial powers by an ambitious wife.

At this point I believe that he has become corrupted by the power.

India's Rajiv Gandhi

Gandhi impressed me as a young John Kennedy. Soft-spoken, articulate, but whose words made almost an electrifying impression. He has a magnetic pull.